



ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR CLOSING AN AREA TO ENTRY, TO WIT:

CLOSURE ORDER

All Mines on National Forest Lands on the Ottawa National Forest

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations 36 CFR 261.50(a) and or (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on all National Forest System Roads, Trails and Areas on the Ottawa National Forest:

1. Entering any mine on National Forest System lands within the Ottawa National Forest, unless the mine is posted open.
36 CFR 261.53(a), (b), and (d)

The purpose of the closure is to provide for public health and safety by reducing or eliminating the possible risks associated with mines including potential for collapse, entrapment and carbon monoxide poisoning, and to reduce disturbance of bats and the spread of white-nose syndrome among bats.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following person (s) will be exempt.

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a valid permit in their possession signed by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

Dated this 27 day of March, 2015 at Ironwood, Michigan


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